

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

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Board Meeting Minutes April 27, 2018

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy met on Friday, April 27, 2018, at the Board office in Montgomery to conduct Board business. Members present were as follows: Dr. Scott Ketring (Board Chair), Dr. Luciana Silva (Board Vice Chair), Mr. Jeremy Blair, (member); Dr. Mark Westfall (member) and Ms. Angela Nelms-Griffin (member). Also present were: Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Todd Hughes (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary).

The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.mft.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketring at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum of the members present to conduct business.

Chairman Ketring presented the January 26, 2018 Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Ms. Griffin recommended that page 2, paragraph 3 be modified to reflect AAMFT supervisor members. A motion was made by Mr. Blair to approve the minutes from January meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the financial activities of the Board as of March 31, 2018. The financial report also included a line item summary of expenses. He reported on the total number of licensees (#354 total), along with the total number of complaints received during fiscal years during FY 2018 (copy of report available for review in Official Book of Minutes). Dr. Silva made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report listing activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting, along with a list of new licenses issued (reports available for review in Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Hughes indicated that he did not have any new business to report in the Legal Counsel Report.

The Board discussed requiring the registration of AAMFT supervisors and requiring licensure in Alabama. Also discussed was reviewing the practice in other states concerning AAMFT registry vs. state licensure. The Board discussed the proposed rules to include ACRAF certification for licensure eligibility. Mr. Blair made a motion to form a committee to propose rule changes concerning supervisor designation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffin and the motion passed with majority vote with Dr. Silva abstaining from vote. Chairman Ketring and Ms. Griffin agreed to serve on the committee.

The Board reviewed the licensure and related fees of the Board listed in Appendices 1 of the Board's Rules. Mr. Warren stated that new licensure categories would require a change in the Board's statute. Mr. Blair made the motion to modify the Board's renewal licensure fee for Associates by increasing the fee from \$200 to \$300, due every 2 years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Blair made the motion to modify the Board's licensing fee by increasing the initial LMFT fee from \$300 to \$325 and increasing the LMFT renewal licensing fee from \$300 to \$325. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and approved by the majority of the Board, with Ms. Griffin abstaining from vote.

Dr. Silva made the motion that out-of-state applicants, through Licensure by Endorsement, Rule 536-X-2-.03, be required to hold 2-year license in another state and have had diagnosis and treatment course. The motion was seconded by Dr. Westfall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reviewed the publication requirements to post the rules for public comment.

Chairman Ketring announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed and approved 20 applications for licensure (list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

There was no further business of the Board and Chairman Ketring adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Scott A. Ketring, Chair



Keith E. Warren, Executive Director

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